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Arizona Corporation Commission
1200 W. Washington St.
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Re: Docket Numbers E-01345A-08-0172 and ~~E-00000J-08-0314~~

Dear members of the Arizona Corporation Commission,

On behalf of the Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) Phoenix office, I am writing to encourage you to increase energy efficiency programs through Commission workshops and the APS rate case.

LISC Phoenix uses an innovative approach to solving neighborhood problems in distressed, low-income neighborhoods by bringing resources in collaboration with corporate, foundation and public partners to the efforts of grassroots organizations.

As part of our mission, we support increasing family income and wealth through policy and system changes that reward implementation of principles of sustainable communities such as reducing energy costs through increasing energy efficiency. Energy efficiency programs such as weatherization and lighting have demonstrated successful financial results for individuals and families. While we acknowledge that rates may be increased to support these programs, we also recognize that customers' bills will be reduced through the savings from these important programs. Through increasing investments in energy efficiency programs, the Commission will allow businesses and consumers to save money which can be used to benefit local economies in our state.

Furthermore, we recognize that in the short-term, the inputs into the majority of our electricity supply are not going to be coming from clean energy sources, so anything we can do to reduce current consumption from these sources, which negatively impact public health, will be critical. When energy supply costs are reduced, bills are lowered for customers.

As our organization works to build individual assets and enhance competitive community economies, we look for tried and true methods to accomplish our goals. We urge you to move forward increased energy efficiency requirements as part of the APS rate case and as part of the Commission workshops on energy efficiency.

We appreciate your attention on this issue.

Sincerely,

Teresa Brice, Executive Director

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